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Don't forget the club meeting is this Tuesday. Bring your gifts for Family Building Blocks, your cash or checkbook to pay for the Christmas Dinner and pay your 2020 club dues.....



March 26, 1945-October 7, 2019-Larry Joseph Kruljac passed at age 74 with family by his side. Larry was born in Glendale, California to Mary and Joseph Kruljac. Larry, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, had a love for classic cars and aviation, which began at a young age. One of his greatest honors was being awarded Grand Champion at Evergreen Airshow for his 1944 Beech Staggerwing which he and his father restored. In 1989 he moved to the Independence Airpark in Oregon and was a talented IA Aircraft

Mechanic. Larry and Victoria are part of the Salem Evangelical Church in Salem, Oregon and are active in the WVSR car club.

Larry will be remembered for his lively storytelling, quick wit, and humorous jokes. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. He leaves behind his wife, Victoria, children, Jen, Kari, Kelly, Lisa, Greg and Kasia, twelve grandchildren and many friends.

Larry's 75th birthday and life celebration will be held March 28, 2020. Info. and updates can be found at www.vtgolden.com or by calling 503.364.2257.



Dear Willamette Valley Street Rod Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for the outpouring of cards with such heart warming messages of comfort. I truly appreciate it all and the offers to help. As some of you know it's a monumental task to figure out what to do with everything or even to know what some of these "men" things are. I love you all and appreciate the hugs, words and cards.

Victoria Kruljac



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November Birthdays

2 Jeff Foster
6 Charlie Wulfers
8 Greg Smith, Sandy Beach
11 Jim LeLack
13 Dave LeCompte
14 Theresa Pietzold, J. Craig Hayes
15 Bernadine Lindemann
16 Kay Drawson
18 Reyna Dias, Craig Urbani
21 Ann Sowerby, Linda Malm
22 Jenny Palmquist
25 Dave Cartwright
26 Angela Myers
27 Dayle Langley
28 Dennis Saugstad
29 Michael Vickers
30 Barb Coffman

Dues are due by **January 1, 2020**, and need to be paid by February 4, 2020 to avoid a late fee. ***There is no grace period after February 4, 2020. At that time a late fee of \$5.00 will be added. You should have received an emailed invoice from our web person, Garry Pullen already(thank you Garry.) If you pay online there is a \$1.00 charge.***



A couple of tips to help you with your renewal...

Renewals can be submitted **online**, mail or attend Pietro's pizza first Tuesday of the month and pay the current membership chairman, Richard Wright. January 1, 2020 the new Membership Chair will be Ron Sowerby. *Don't wait until the last day to renew—with over 119 club members, it gets busy as the January deadline approaches!!!!*

Cookies

Everyone enjoys the cookies after the monthly club meeting, it's also a fun time for our members to stand around and visit after the meeting. Delia Wright is in charge of the sign up list (*thank you, Delia.*) If you sign up to bring cookies and aren't able to be at the meeting that month ask another club member to trade months with you or contact Delia.



Everybody is busy, please keep track of what you've signed up for. An easy way to remember, is signing up for your birthday or anniversary month (*just a suggestion.*) Some months it's kind of sparse at the back table because members forgot that they signed up for that month. Even though homemade cookies are good it's not necessary, store bought cookies are good too. Whatever works best for you, make it easy on yourself. If it's your month to bring cookies please bring at least two dozen. If you have questions or need to change your month contact Delia at 503.763.0526 or [email](#) her. The sign up list for 2020 will be going around the room at the meeting, it's not too early to sign up.

List for the remainder of the year:

November-Ann Sowerby, Bernadine Lindemann, Joyce Rubel, Laurie Winslow
December-Gene Schuff, Susan Baldwin, Judy Horne, Russ Strohmeier



Club Member, Warren Horne, accepting the Thank you plaque for Benson Industries in Portland. Thank you for your continued sponsorship of the Carousel Cruise over the years. We appreciate all of our sponsors who help make our show the success it is each year....

Member Care Report-Submitted by: Ann Sowerby

This past month cards were sent to the following club members:

Chuck and Pat Black. Pat recently lost her son due to a lengthy illness

Nancy Herron was recently hospitalized for heart problems

Darrell Herron-Hernia surgery

Victoria Kruljac- Her husband, Larry recently passed away

Jim and Kathy Schuette- Jim's mother who lived in North Dakota passed away

Glen Rader recently had a pacemaker

If you think we should be send a card to a club member or anyone else in the car community please email or call Ann, annsower@wvi.com or 503.769.7667.

Lyons Fire Dept. Chili lunch and Car Show:

photos and article submitted by John Stanton

I drove my '32 Ford to Lyons for the chili lunch and car show on October 5. It was a little cool in the morning but warmed up nicely soon after. I sat and visited with Blairs, Watsons, Blacks and Mel Myers. Mel drove his "new" 1966 Ford Fairlane. There were several other WWSR members present, as well. Biscuits and gravy smelled good for breakfast. There was chili plus other items available for lunch. Russ was the DJ spinning tunes all day. They had lots of door and raffle prizes and some trophies. Ken Champ was a volunteer fireman/EMT for the Lyons Dept. for 28 years. In memory of Ken, Vicki presents an award to a car that Ken would have liked. This year the award was presented to Carol Jackson, Albany with her 1939 Ford Coupe. The bright sun felt great. It was a fun day.





Sign up for the WVSR Christmas party online. Visit wvsr.org, find the member page and enter an email and password then wait for approval (may take a day). Once on the page choose your dinner(s) from the drop down link and checkout. You're all set, come enjoy a night of food, fun, and friends.

Willamette Valley Street Rods **Annual Christmas Dinner Event**

Date: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 6-9pm

Location: Roth's West Salem

The annual Christmas Dinner event is quickly approaching! This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 6-9pm at Roth's market in West Salem located at 1130 Wallace Rd NW – at the corner of Glen Creek & Wallace Road. Informational flyers will be available at upcoming Car Club meetings with the date & time, menu & pricing, and entertainment information. During our meetings in September, October and November, you will have the opportunity to prepay for your meal. You can pay online through the club's website, but remember there is a processing fee.

Just like last year, both the turkey and Prime Rib will be carved at the carving station – sorry, just like last year these are not "self-serve" stations! No matter which protein you select, the entire entrée includes: classic bread sage dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, and cranberry relish. New for this year is a green bean casserole! Yummy!! A garden salad will be provided family-style at each table, along with parmesan garlic rolls & butter. For dessert, you can choose either a slice of apple or pumpkin pie à la mode. In addition to the food, the meal includes a beverage: coffee, tea, assorted soda and water. There is also a "no host" bar where Car Club members, 21 & over, can purchase & consume alcoholic beverages.

For entertainment, we will continue to hold the gift exchange; suggested minimum amount is \$15. We had some really great items last year, I guess everyone was a bit chilly since the blankets were a big hit! Let's see if we can continue with unique and interesting items again this year.

I know Roth's will do their very best to make sure we have a great meal. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Linda Spansel, Event Planner
C: 503-798-8764





Help make Christmas brighter for families in our community!!!

We're collecting toys and children's jackets for Family Building Blocks, October-December. They serve 750 families and 1,000 children annually.

We're asking our club members to help again this year.....

"Hope for the Holidays."

The general wish list for the children and families are:

- *An Educational Toy(Wooden Blocks, Legos, Baby Dolls (any ethnicity, no Barbie type dolls please) Dress-up Clothes, Musical Instruments, Tool set, Playdough set, toy Trucks/Cars, Soccer Ball, Nerf Football, Mini Basketball, Infant Push-Pull Toy, Large Plastic Animals) Toys that require batteries or promote violence are not appropriate for FBB families. The ages are infant to 5 years old*
- *Children's jackets, size 6T and under*
- *Any age appropriate Children's Board Books (English or Spanish/bilingual)*
- *\$25 gift cards to store of choice for each family's greatest need (Walmart or Fred Meyer)*

As in the past, if you'd rather donate money instead of shopping, please feel free to bring your check or cash donation to the meeting and give to Vicki Champ. We will buy toys or purchase gift cards for the families.

We will start collecting at the **October 1st** club meeting at Pietro's, and will collect it through our **December 3rd** meeting. **Wednesday, December 4th** we'll meet at their State Street location this year. The actual address is 180 18th Street NE, Salem(corner of State/18th) ***If you won't be at the next two meetings and want to make a donation please call me and I'll make arrangements to pick up the gifts from you.

Thank you everyone for always being so generous with your donations for families with small children that are less fortunate than we are. Any questions contact Vicki Champ 503.910.5952 or email vchamp@comcast.net

Marv and Shirl Shetler's Road Trip to Lake Havasu-Street Rodder Magazine Road Tour

article and photos submitted by Marv Shetler



On Friday October 11, 2019, Shirl and I left Aumsville in our 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe for a road trip that would take us to Lake Havasu, AZ and back. We were participating in the Street Rodder Magazine Sherm's Plating "East meets West" Road Tour. If you read Street Rodder Magazine you are probably aware of this tour as well as the other tours that take place throughout the summer. The tour

starting point was Sacramento, CA. Officially it was to start Sunday the 13th.

Because we had plenty of time, we decide to swing by Crater Lake on our way to Ashland where we spent the first evening. There was some snow at the lake, but the roads were clear and the weather was perfect. We had never driven directly from the lake to Ashland via the back roads, so that was an interesting drive. The next morning we headed to Sacramento. We stopped in Anderson at the Visitor Information Center which was located at the end of a small shopping mall. Shirl did a little shopping while I checked out the Visitor Center. I then moved the car approximately one block to where Shirl was. When I went to start the car again, the starter just made a slight whirring sound like maybe the battery was almost dead. I had a jumper pack with me, so got it out and gave it a try. No change. For some reason, I decide to look under the car at the starter. I discovered the large ground wire was hanging down from the starter and that the bolt holding it in place was missing. Since I hadn't driven the car very far I suggested to Shirl we try to find the missing bolt. I figured if we found it I could reinstall it and we'd be on our way. We found it alright. It was right where the car had been parked when I last started it. The problem was it had sheared off and was showing only a couple threads. Now what? I knew I needed to get the car up on a hoist to fix it as it was probably going to require drilling out the broken bolt. It was about noon on Saturday. We called Triple A and while waiting for them started looking on line for a place we could take the car to. Everybody was closed until Monday. We finally decided our best bet was to haul the car to our motel in Sacramento even though it was 143 miles away and our coverage was only good for 100 miles.

NSRA puts out a booklet every year that has names of fellow members that can be called if a person has a breakdown on the road and needs some help. I couldn't find any names in the Redding, Anderson or Red Bluff areas, but did find a name of someone in Sacramento. As we were riding down the road in the tow truck, I gave him a call. Because it was Saturday, it turns out he was not at home, but said he would do some calling around to guys he knew to see if anyone was available that could work on the car on Sunday. He knew several who were capable and had a lift. He said to call him back in an hour which I did. It turned out that everyone who could have helped us was out of town. He did give me a couple places who could help us Monday morning. I was very grateful and thankful for the hour plus of his time he spent trying to help us. As a side note, if you are a NSRA member, you might consider getting your name in this booklet as it provides valuable resources to fellow rodders out on the road. I know I need to get my name in the book.

As we pulled into the motel, we could immediately see there were several cars already there that were part of the tour group and of course some of the people were out with their cars and watched us being hauled in. It turns out that is a great

way to make a first impression and meet new people. We unloaded the car next to a very nice red 37 Ford coupe. The owner was cleaning the car as we unloaded. He then came over to find out what our problem was. As we were talking, his wife (Mary Rosario) came up and asked if my name was Marv. I said yes, how did you know? It turned out she was one of the two gals who was in charge of the "West" part of the "East meets West" tour. She had a list of all the participants and the cars we were driving. She immediately called AAA Crane which is where Gary Matranga (owner of Sherm's Plating and sponsor of the tour) stores his car collection that we were going to be visiting Sunday afternoon to see if they had someone who could fix our car. They said yes and to bring it over Sunday morning. Al Rosario (Mary's husband) said he would get several of the other guys together in the morning to help push start our car so we could drive it to AAA Crane. That evening a couple fellows from Canada invited us to go to dinner with them since we had no means of transportation. We ended up spending quite a bit of time with them the rest of the week and now consider them as friends. That wouldn't have happened without the breakdown.

Sunday morning we push started the car and drove to AAA Crane without incident. The mechanic was there and had me drive the car onto a 4-post lift. The mechanic's name was Len Gray. It turned out his wife Nancy was the second of the two gals in charge of this tour. She also is a long time employee of AAA Crane. Len takes care of Gary's car collection. Anyway, he removed the remaining starter bolt which was slightly bent. The sheared bolt was protruding from the block just enough to get hold of it. He was able to spin it out by hand. How lucky can one get? As soon as my car was fixed, Len went to work on another tour car that had some electrical issues. While he did that I was able to take a look at Gary's collection of cars, old motorcycles and memorabilia. He has 10 each 1932 Fords, several 1939 Fords, a fire truck and several other cars. Gary showed up while the cars were being worked on and I got to meet him. He really likes 39 Fords as do I, so we had that in common as well as all the other stuff he collects. He owns a 40 panel with 39 front fenders and hood and 39 side trim and a Buick motor. He's owned this one since 1964.

I drove the car back to the motel to get Shirl. We then drove several miles to look at a Park Restroom building we had built at Blazer Industries and shipped to Sacramento. On the way back, someone flagged us down and mentioned one of our tailpipes was flopping up and down about 6". I stopped and looked at it. I discovered the pipe hanger had broken, probably as a result of the tail pipes dragging slightly when we loaded the car on the rollback. That afternoon when we officially went back to AAA Crane for a shop tour and dinner, I mentioned to Len that I had a broken hanger. He immediately said he'd weld it back together after the event was finished. So back onto the rack the car went. He was able to make the weld and once again we were ready to roll.

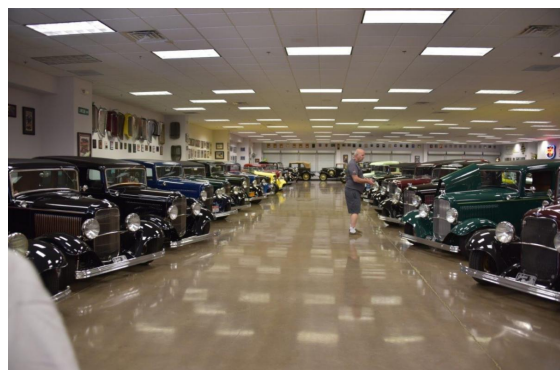
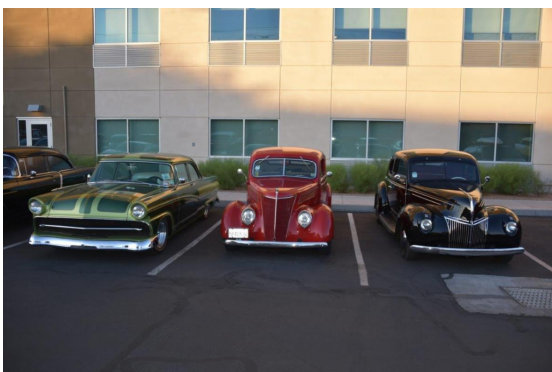
Monday we headed south to Bakersfield. We visited Magnum Suspension Company and then John Lawson's very impressive car collection, both in Fresno. Magnum is known for their dropped axles. John Lawson has an unbelievable collection of approximately 65 each 1932 Fords. They were all housed in one building. All of them are finished cars that are always ready to drive. Supposedly he has one of every model made and obviously several of many of the models. The cars range from completely stock to very nice street rods. He had several other buildings which contained other years of Fords plus a shop where cars are built and repaired.

Tuesday we headed for Lake Havasu City which was our end destination and where we would meet up with the “East” part of the tour which was being led by Jerry Dixey, who is the Street Rodder magazine tour guy. He is the one who organizes the tours and drives the custom built car that is put together every year by well known street rod shops. This year’s car was a 1955 Ford which has been featured multiple times in the magazine this year. On the way we stopped to visit the Borax 20 mule team Museum which is located at the open pit borax mine which is an active mine that has been in operation for many years. The hole in the ground is impressive. It is a museum worth visiting if you ever get the opportunity.

Wednesday we visited Premier Street Rods in Lake Havasu. It is owned by Rob and Kerry Logsdon. They specialize in assembling brand new 1947 to 1957 Chev pickup bodies. Thursday we went on a poker run which took us to several hot rod facilities. We also were able to visit a couple home garage tours. Both were very impressive. One was the owner of Koul Tools. He makes hose assembly and hard line sealing tools. You can look them up on line if you aren’t familiar with them. He has an unbelievable machine shop in his oversize garage at his house. He had some very nice street rods including an amazing Graham car which he had built himself. The second garage tour was in a purpose built 2-story shop that was at least 60’ wide and maybe 100’ long. The lower level had a tall ceiling (maybe 16’ to 18’). It had a lot of machine shop tools, lifts, etc and was where a full time mechanic worked on cars. Upstairs was a showroom that contained 20 cars, all of which were show quality. It was an amazing and impressive collection. Thursday evening our tour group parked our cars in a dedicated parking lot adjacent to a blocked off street that was filled with old cars and street rods. We were there from about 3:30 until 8:00 PM. The street was filled with spectators looking at the cars.

Friday and Saturday we participated in the 42nd annual “Run to the Sun” car show put on by the Relics and Rods Car Club. It is always interesting to see cars from other parts of the country. It was a good show. Cars newer than 1972 were not allowed in the show.

Sunday we headed for home. Since we were close to Route 66, we got on the original road at Topock and visited a couple places I hadn’t visited on the Corvette trip in September. One was Oatman, AZ where “wild” burros roam the streets hoping for food from tourists. The other place was called Cool Springs. It consists of a restored gas station and a place to buy souvenirs and that was about it. The road between the two was quite windy and reached the highest point on the entire Route 66 route. It was an interesting approximately 45 mile drive which ended up just SW of Kingman. We then headed for Las Vegas and north to Beatty where we spent the night. The next day we visited a couple places in Death Valley and ended up driving all the way thru it to Lone Pine, CA on Hwy 395, then north to Minden, NV where we stayed overnight. After visiting a business associate in Minden Tuesday morning, we drove home arriving in Aumsville right at 8:00 PM. We encountered no rain on the trip and no additional car troubles. We reconnected with friends from previous trips and made some new ones. It was a good trip. We drove a total of 2450 miles and were hauled 143 miles.

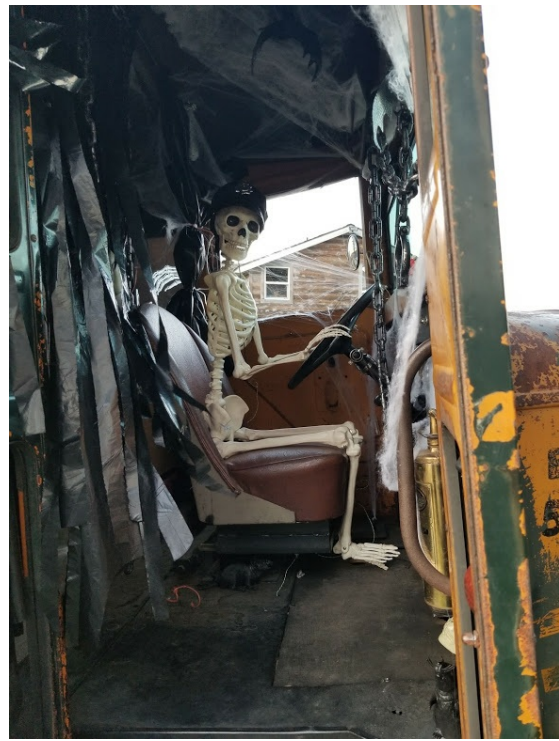


Don and Donelle Flammang's Fall/Halloween Party-October 26

article and photos submitted by Garry Pullen. Also submitting photos: John Stanton, Jim Schuette, Linda Spansel and Holly Parnell

55-60 people came out to Don & Donelle Flammang's ranch for a potluck and pig roast. The weather was cool but clear and made for a great afternoon and evening of visiting with great friends. A few drove their hot rods and Dave trailered his "Bus of Horror" out after the Trunk or Treat event for everyone to enjoy. Our gracious hosts worked super hard at getting things set up and ready and we really want to thank them for their hospitality. If you weren't there you missed out on a fun WVSR get together. Stay tuned as I'll be keeping an eye on the weather for a clear dry day to flash cruz to the 50's diner in Newport for lunch in the first couple weeks of November.





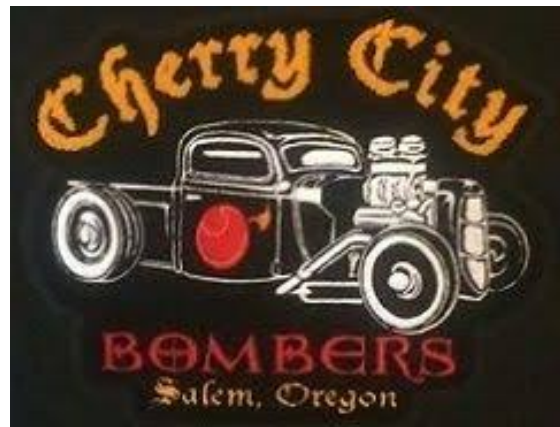




Cherry City Bombers-8th annual Trunk or Treat

photos and article submitted by Dave LeCompte

Trunk or Treat was a hoot. Put on by Cherry City Bombers in Keizer, Saturday, October 26. Lots of kids, moms, dad's grandparents and "candy." Bombers had 10-12 cars plus the old bus and Keenan Foraker and family from Silverton. Pounds of candy, cute kids and friendly folks adds up to a good time.....







John Stanton's Fall Drive-October 27



We had 10 cars on the fall tour. What a beautiful day. It was bright sun all day, but a little cool. A lot of the fall leaves had already fallen, but there were still plenty to enjoy. We cruised through a couple covered bridges and wound up at my house for coffee, Connie's cookies, and a garage tour. A few others came later the for garage tour.



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